GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3947
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DECLARATION OF CELLULAR PHONE AS IT INSTRUMENTS
BHUPENDRASINH PRABHATSINH SOLANKI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to declare cellular phones as IT instruments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUI MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b) Sir, Cellular Phones are already covered under the Information Technology Agreement (ITA) of World Trade Organisation to which India is a Signatory. As such, Cellular Phones are IT Instruments.

(c) Does not arise in view of above.